

Tuesday, June 11, 2000

STS-92 crew at KSC to look over payload on 100th mission



KSC's savings bond drive kicks off today

▲ **Mission Update:** The crew on mission STS-92, the fifth flight to the International Space Station, is at KSC this week to take part in Crew Equipment Interface Test (CEIT) activities. The crew of seven comprises Commander Brian Duffy, Pilot Pam Melroy, and Mission Specialists Koichi Wakata, Leroy Chiao, Jeff Wisoff, Michael Lopez-Alegria and Bill McArthur. Wakata is with the Japanese space agency. The CEIT provides familiarization with the payload, in this case, components of the Space Station – the Z-1 truss and Pressurized Mating Adapter-3. STS-92 will be the 100th flight in the Shuttle program, aboard Discovery.

▲ **The KSC Savings Bond Drive** kicks off today at 9:30 a.m. with a ceremony at the Training auditorium. The two-week drive is co-chaired by Deputy Director Jim Jennings and CFO Chief of Cost and Personal Services Kathy



Bryant. The theme for this

year's drive is "Creating a New Century of Savings." The goal for 2000 is a 5 percent increase in the number of employees participating and an overall 10 percent increase in new or current participation.

◆ **Tape or watch** the launch of the service module Zvezda from Russia scheduled for 12:56 a.m. EDT Wednesday, July 12. NASA TV will cover the launch starting at 12:30 a.m. A post-launch news conference will also be televised starting at 2:30 a.m.

◆ **PASS Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony:** A ceremony to spotlight the new Personnel Access Security System (PASS) program is being held **Tuesday, July 18, at 1 p.m.**, in the Headquarters Building, VRC Office, room 1470. PASS became operational on May 22, 2000, replacing the Pass/Badge Information Management System (PBIMS) that had been in operation at Kennedy Space Center since 1984. The PASS system has the capability to produce permanent and temporary badges, permanent and temporary area authorizations on PVC Card Stock. In addition, PASS is also maintaining the Personnel Reliability Program and Clearances, and Key Administration.

◆ **Lock It Up:** Security reminds employees to secure work areas before leaving for the day. Facility managers (or appointees) should secure their facilities at the end of each day, and check to ensure nothing is out of the ordinary. Although KSC and CCAFS are closed to unbadged personnel, the potential exists for theft of government and personal property.

◆ **Did You Know?** NASA technology has resulted in design of a system requiring minimal power and no astronaut monitoring to sterilize water on long-duration spacecraft. The technology has commercial use as a swimming pool purification system. It uses two silver-copper alloy electrodes that generate silver and copper ions when an electric current passes through them to kill bacteria and algae without chemicals. For more information, go to the Web site <http://technology.nasa.gov/>. ★

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